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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for
Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-7570 or send comments to Ron Otten, at 1600 Clifton Road, MS D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Application form and related forms for the operation of the National Death Index (NDI), OMB No. 0920-0215 (expires November 30, 2013) - Extension — National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The purpose of this request is to obtain Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to extend the data collection for Application form and related forms for the operation of the National Death Index (NDI), OMB No. 0920-0215, expires 11/30/2013. Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C.), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of

the population of the United States.

The National Death Index (NDI) is a national data base containing identifying death record information submitted annually to NCHS by all the state vital statistics offices, beginning with deaths in 1979. This request is for approval of forms used to request searches against the NDI file to obtain the states and dates of death and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects. The NDI Application Form is provided to all investigators who express an interest in the NDI. The Application Form is completed and submitted only by those investigators who actually decide to apply for use of the NDI services. The Request for a Repeat NDI File Search is used by those NDI users who already have an approved application on file. This form is used by researchers when they have additional study subjects that need to be identified as deceased. The final form used in the User Data Transmittal Form. The researcher uses this form when transmitting their data file to the NDI staff.

Using the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause of death information for deceased subjects, thus reducing the need to request copies of death certificates from

the states. The NDI Plus option currently provides the International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes for the underlying and multiple causes of death for the years 1979-2010. Health researchers must complete administrative forms in order to apply for NDI services, and submit records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. A three-year clearance is requested. There is no cost to respondents except for their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 182.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total Burden (in hrs.)
Researcher	Application form	50	1	2.5	125
Researcher	Repeat request form	70	1	18/60	21
Researcher	Data Transmittal	120	1	18/60	36
	Total				182

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